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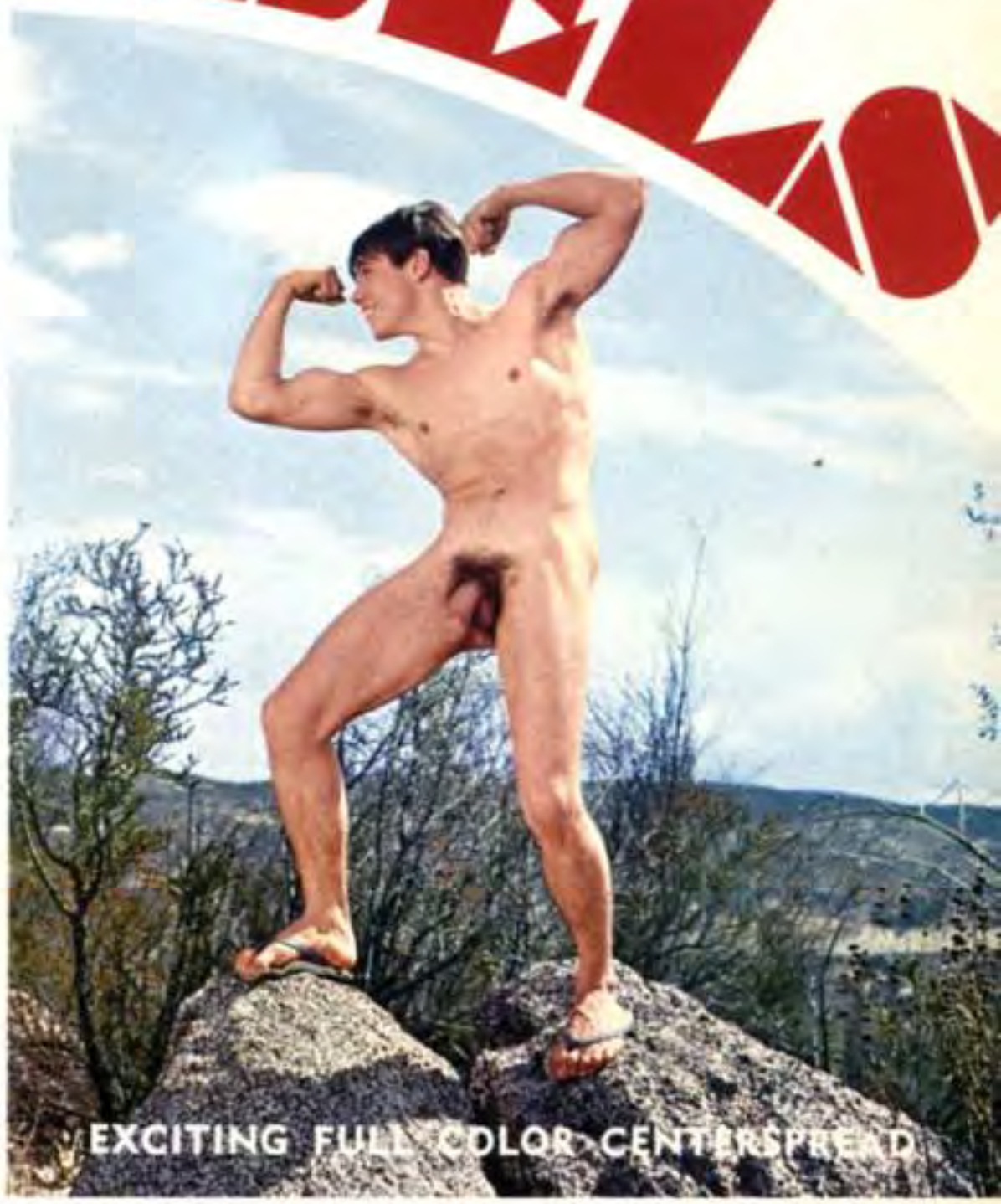

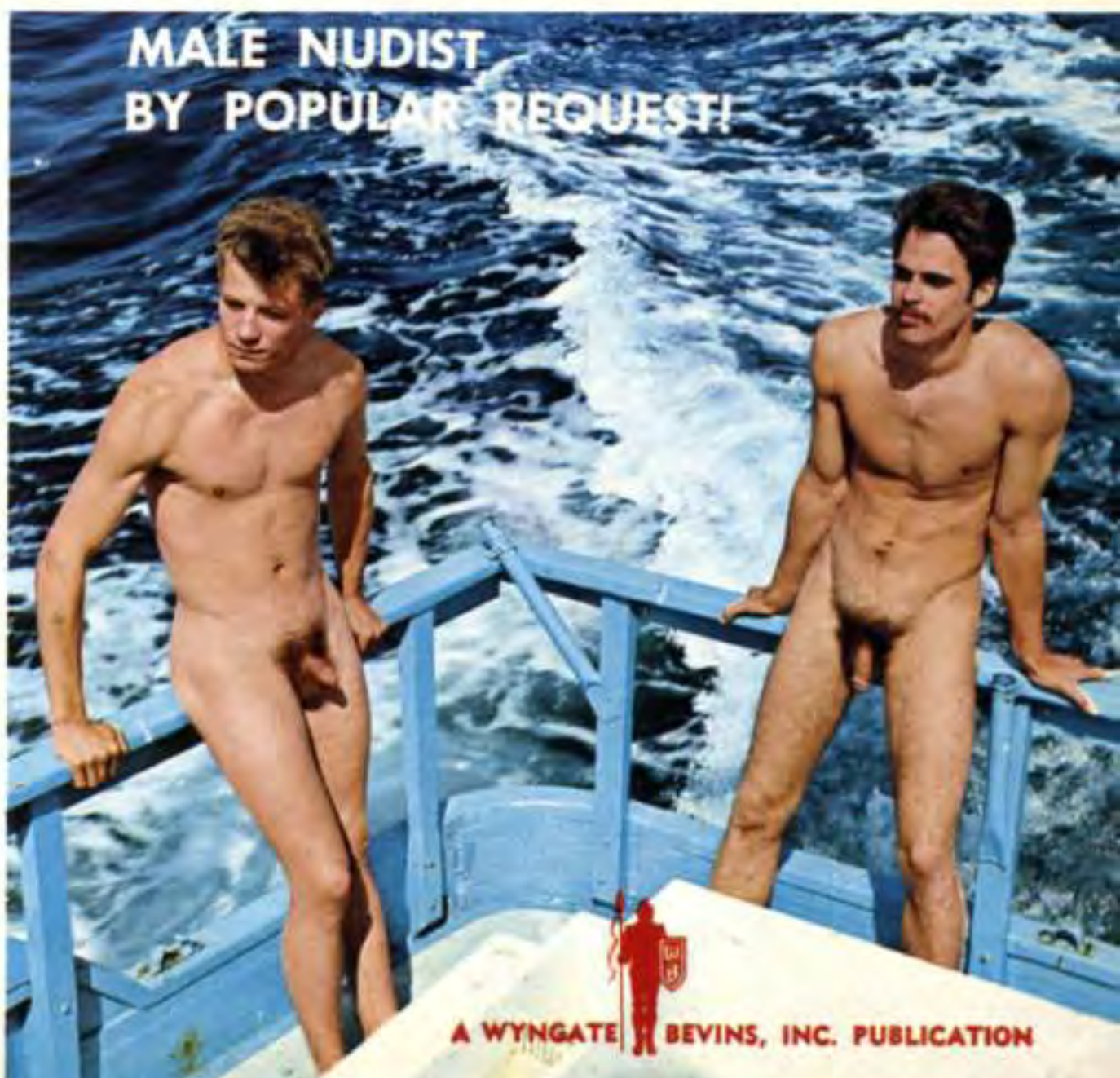

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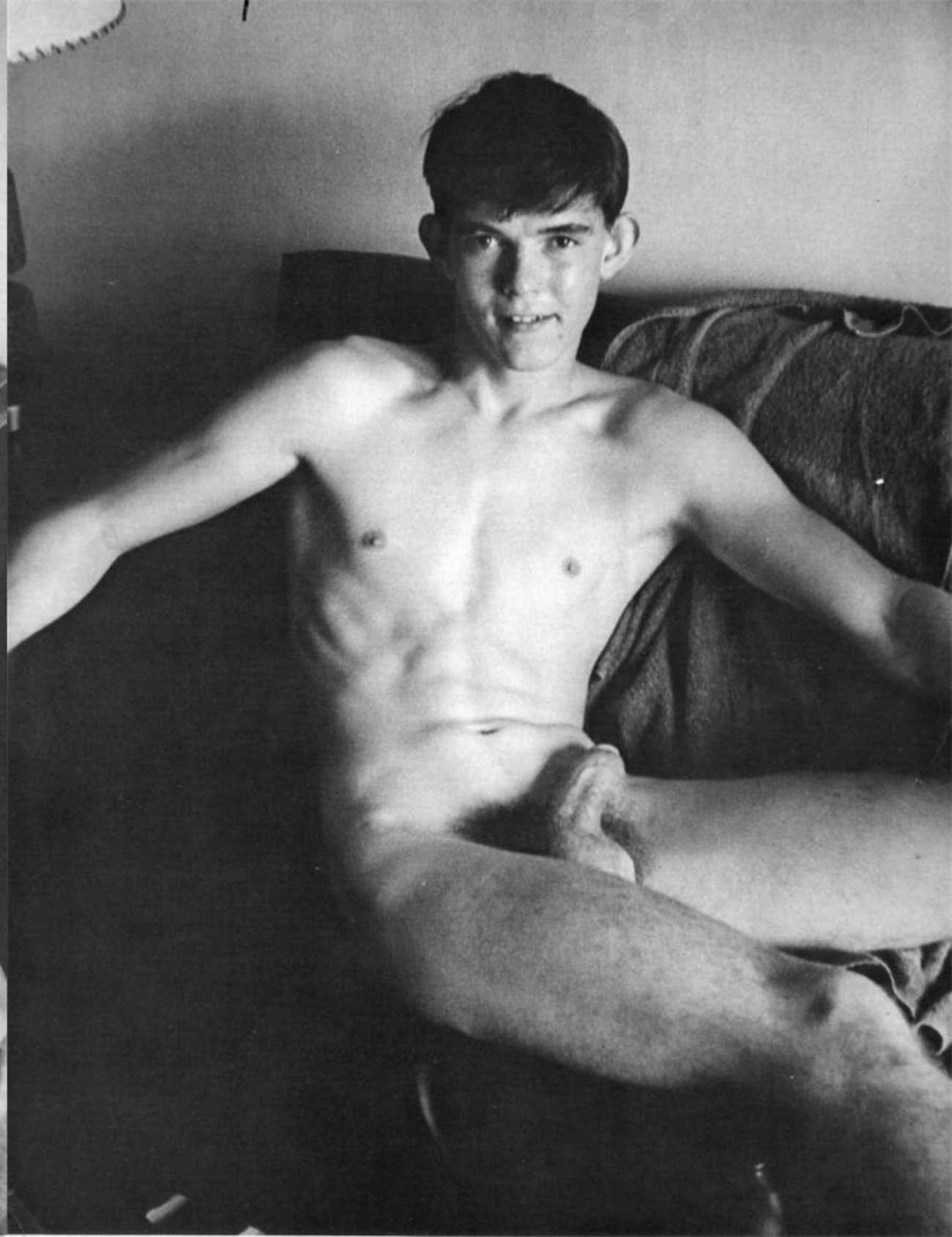

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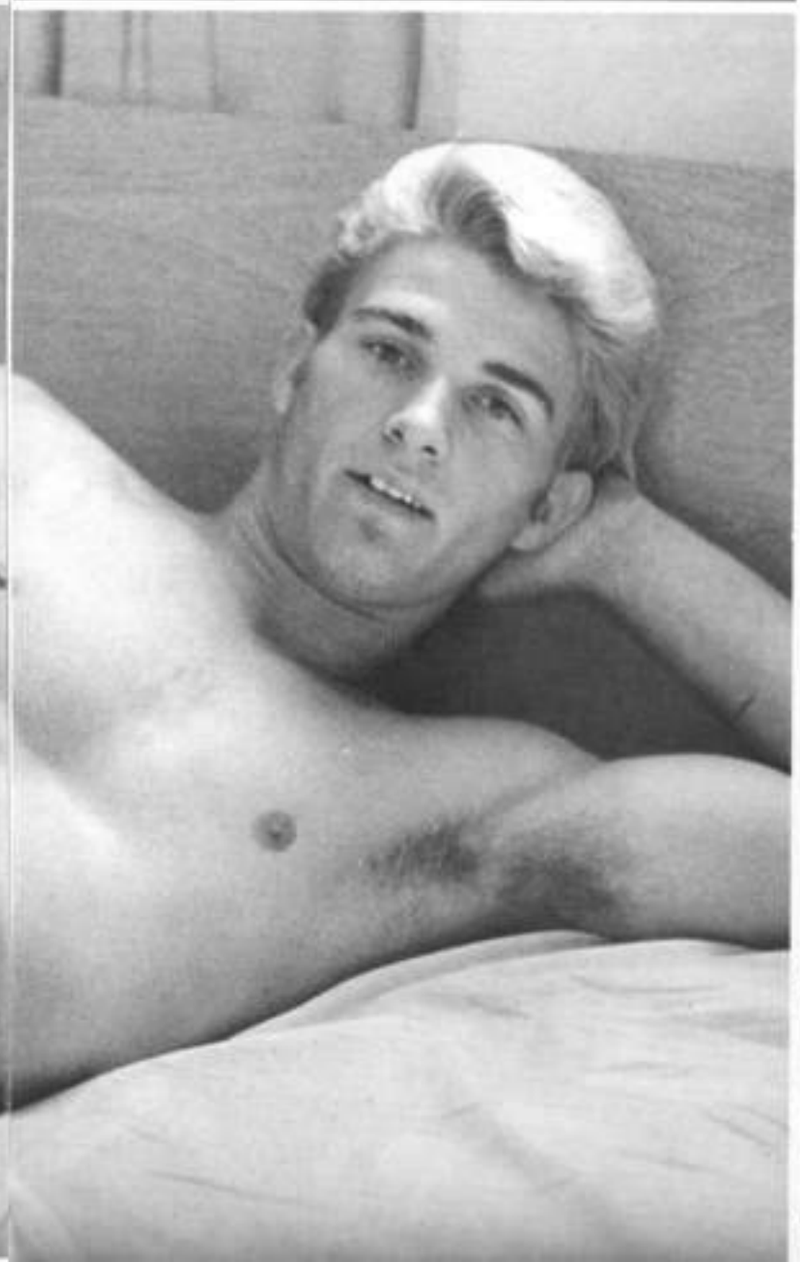


When The Deep Water Killer Crashed Our Perfect Outing, Male Comradeship Saved The Day

★ BUT DON'T GO NEAR THE WATER

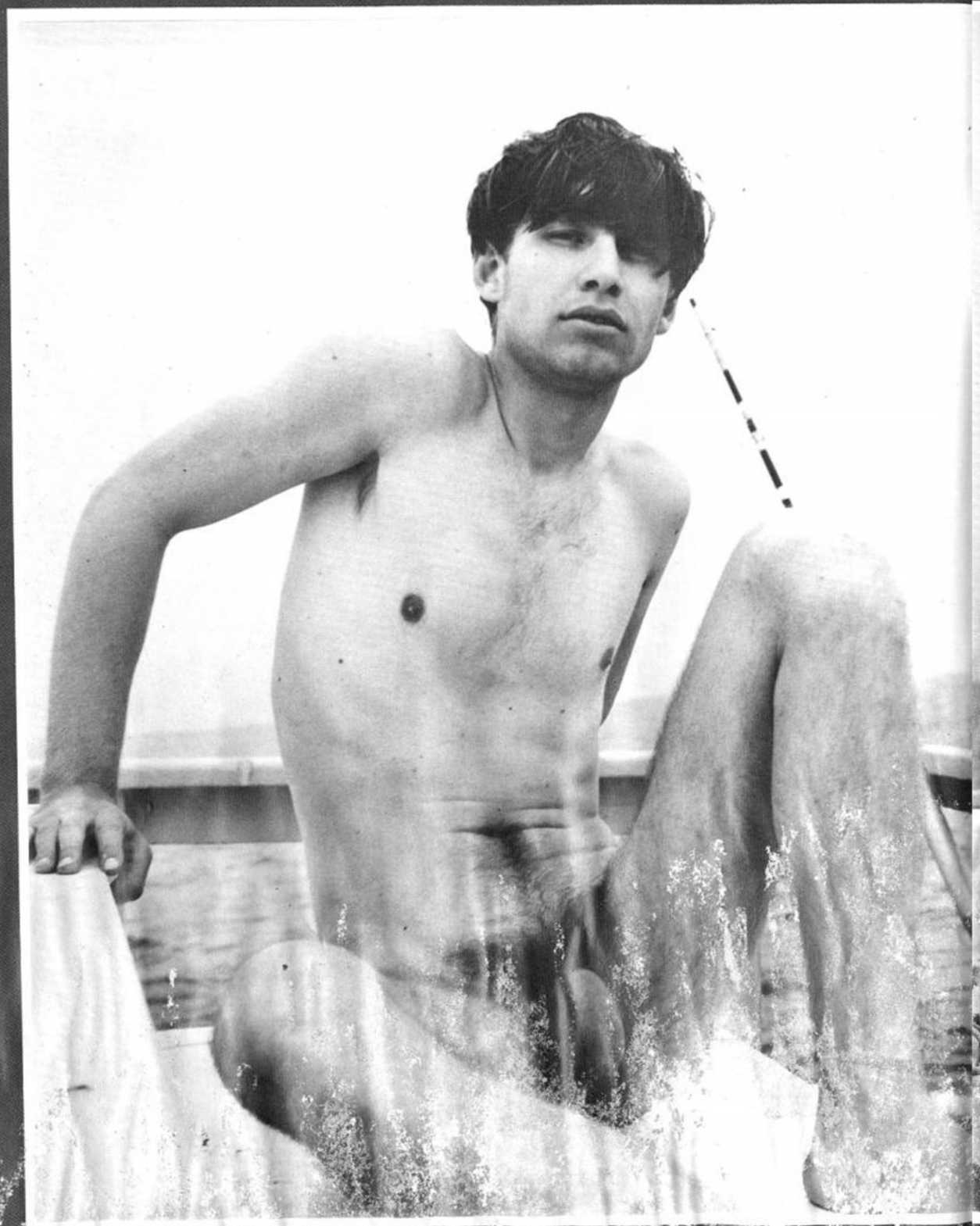
When we chartered that fishing boat and decided to spend a full day on the ocean off the California coast, not one of us had any real idea of the adventures that were in store for us or the very real dangers we would encounter. We all thought it would be nothing more than a pleasant day in an environment which would allow us to enjoy the sun and our own companionship. We wanted to catch some fish and perhaps do a little swimming or sunbathing.

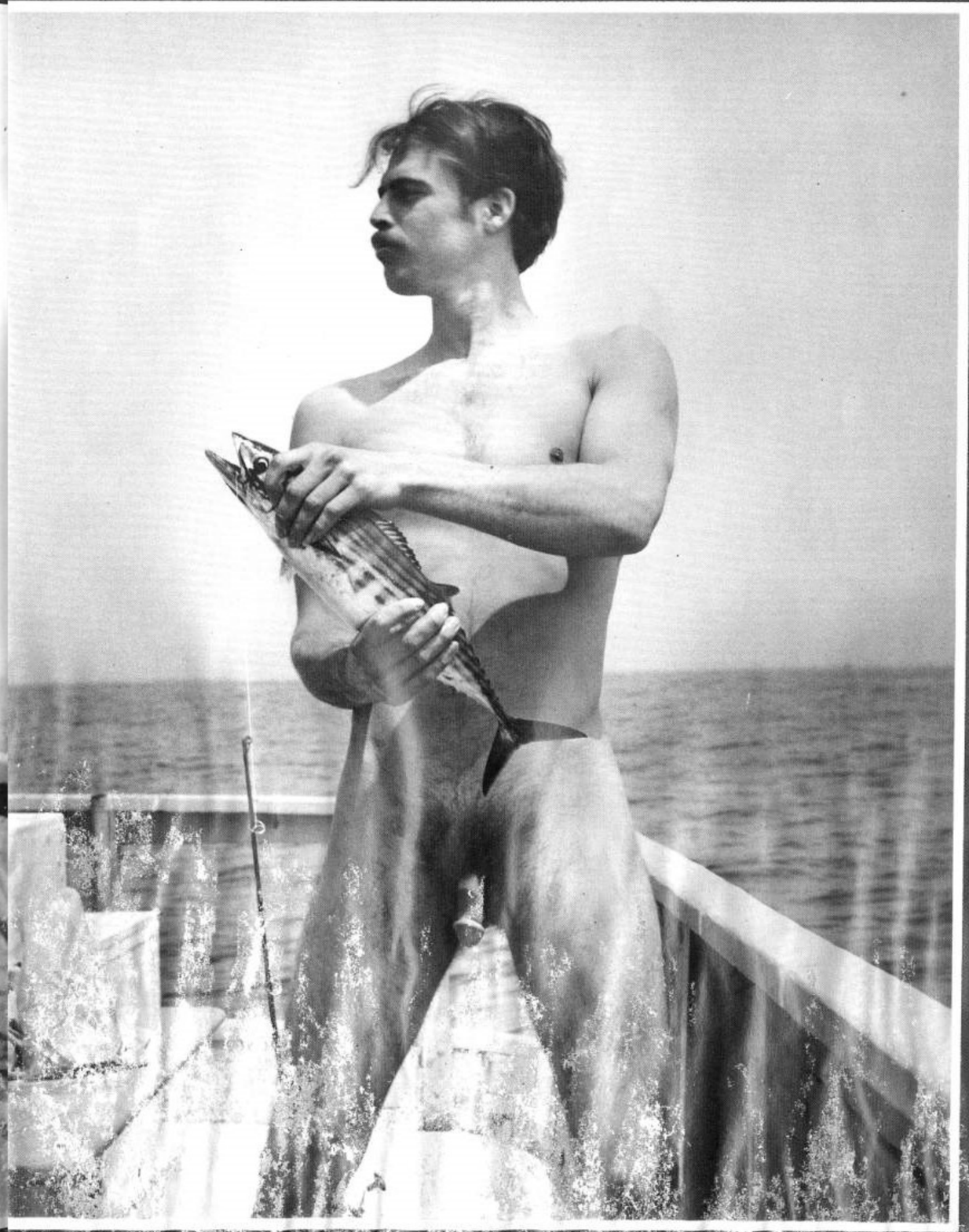
But that wasn't the end of it — not by a long shot.

We probably had all heard the old nursery song about hanging your clothes on a hickory bush but not going near the water, but for a group of five healthy young men, it just didn't seem to apply. After all, what's the point of chartering a boat and being a male nudist in the first place, if you don't take at least one dip? Besides, we all knew the ocean, we all were accomplished swimmers and fishermen and naturally wanted to take advantage of everything we could.

Some of us slept, of course, basking in the hot rays of the sun and others seemed content to do nothing but fish, but all, from time to time enjoyed the refreshing contrast of the cool, deep water as opposed to the day's heat on deck.

That's the way it was throughout the morning — an ideal outing of men sharing the same interests, enjoying themselves aboard a chartered boat and savoring the joys available only to nudists. After we'd had some lunch, most of us preferred to remain on deck for a while more, but Stan still wanted the cooling water





About 1:30 or so, things really began to happen. Stan was the only one in the water at the time. The rest of us were taking it easy on deck. He'd spent the morning hours fishing and had caught his share, so now he was gently floating in the calm water, staring at the sky and quite thoroughly enjoying himself about fifteen or so yards away from the anchored boat.

It was just a lucky break for him that Gary happened to be at the rail, because Stan was oblivious to everything. Gary happened to look past Stan's shoulder and spot a small dorsal fin slicing through the calm water directly toward the solitary swimmer.

"Shark!" The first cry sounded like a pistol shot. We all jumped from where we had been and clustered against the starboard rail. Gary pointed out to the dangerous fish and called again, but apparently Stan didn't hear him.

We all began to echo the call, hoping Stan would notice, but just as we began to scream, he dove under the water and was deaf to everything aboard the boat. Then, when he surfaced again, we repeated our frantic calls.

This time, Stan heard us, but he must have thought we were joking. Lazily, he turned around in the water and looked out to where the shark was swimming ever closer. Now, he finally realized it was no laughing matter. He whirled about and set out to break every known swimming record as he frothed through the water like a torpedo toward the boat.

We didn't really think he'd make it because, by that time, the shark had really closed the distance between them. But Stan's a great swimmer and he reached the boat just making it to the deck as the shark arrived. I'll always remember the dull thud of that fish's snout as it hit the hull just inches after Stan had been there.

There was this shark swimming around down below and Stan finally on deck. He stopped with one foot on the rail and the biggest, happiest smile on his face we had ever seen. That's when we snapped the "escape" picture.

But we couldn't end the day at that. Stan was safe and we'd caught some fish, but we all wanted one particular trophy to remember the situation by. Gary and Stan both grabbed fishing poles, dropped the hooks over the side, and went after the shark in earnest.

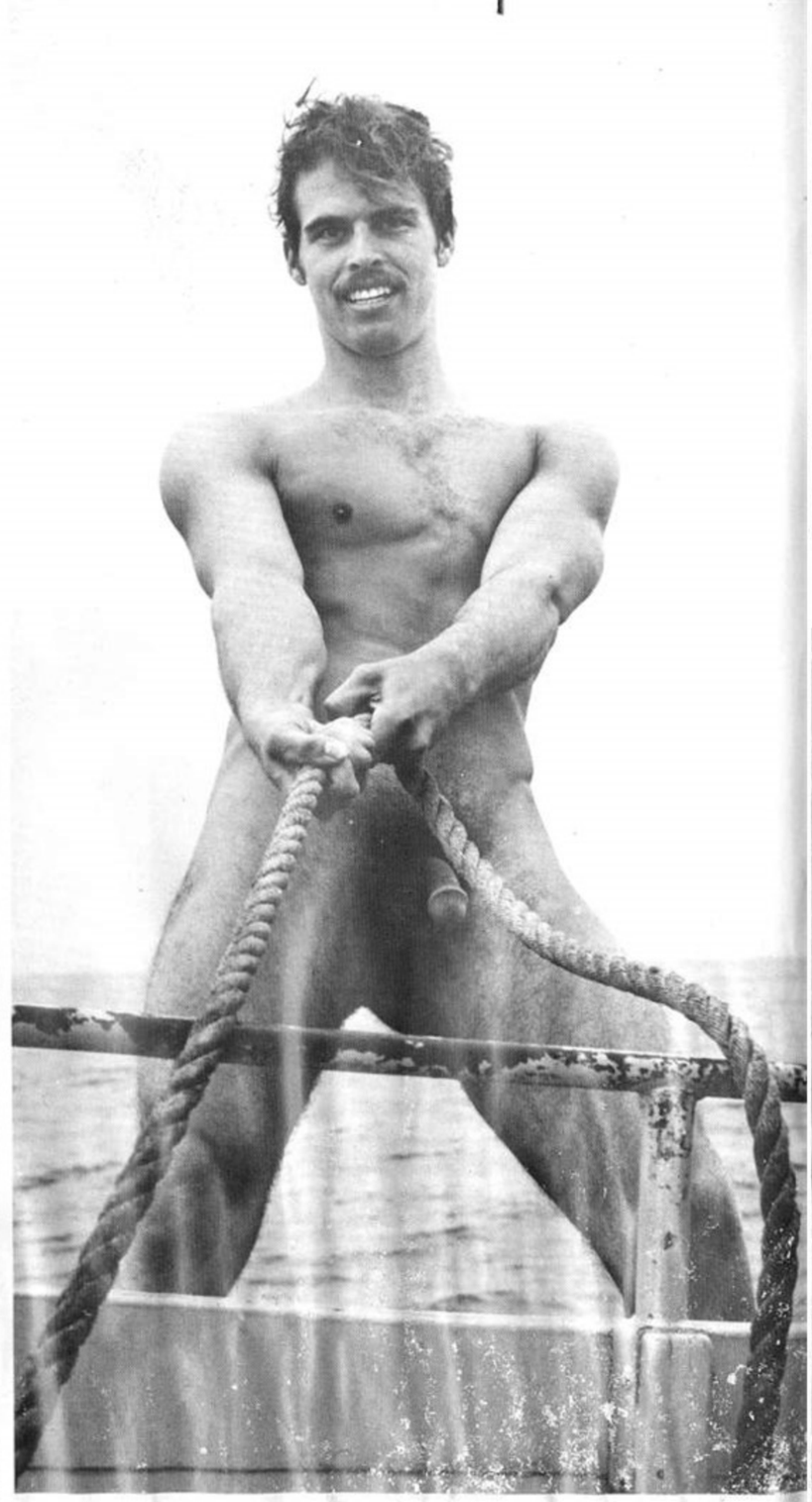
It was only a second before he bit. He grabbed one hook and then another and both lines brought him up. He might not have been much to look at in terms of size, but he had the bite and teeth of a born killer. He thrashed about on the deck for almost a full half-hour before he finally lay still.

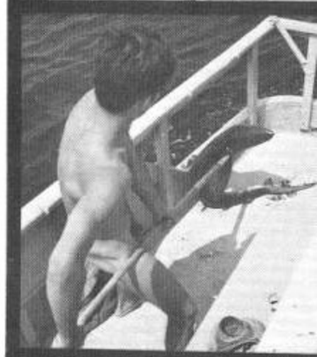
On our way back home late that afternoon, we were all elated about catching the shark and relieved that Stan had finally paid attention to our calls in time to make it safely to the ship. Also we were determined to pay a little more attention to nursery songs in the future.

Sure, we liked to hang our clothes on a hickory limb when we went to outings, but next time the outing took us to the Pacific Ocean we weren't about to get in the water — not after seeing that shark and how close it had come to Stan.

In order to help him remember the experience, we all decided to chip in and have the shark stuffed for Stan so he could keep it as a memento of a really close shave. Even Ned contributed despite the fact that he didn't believe us at first.

Poor guy, he was so exhausted after his own morning's swim that he slept through the whole wild adventure. The only excitement he got was a stinging sunburn.





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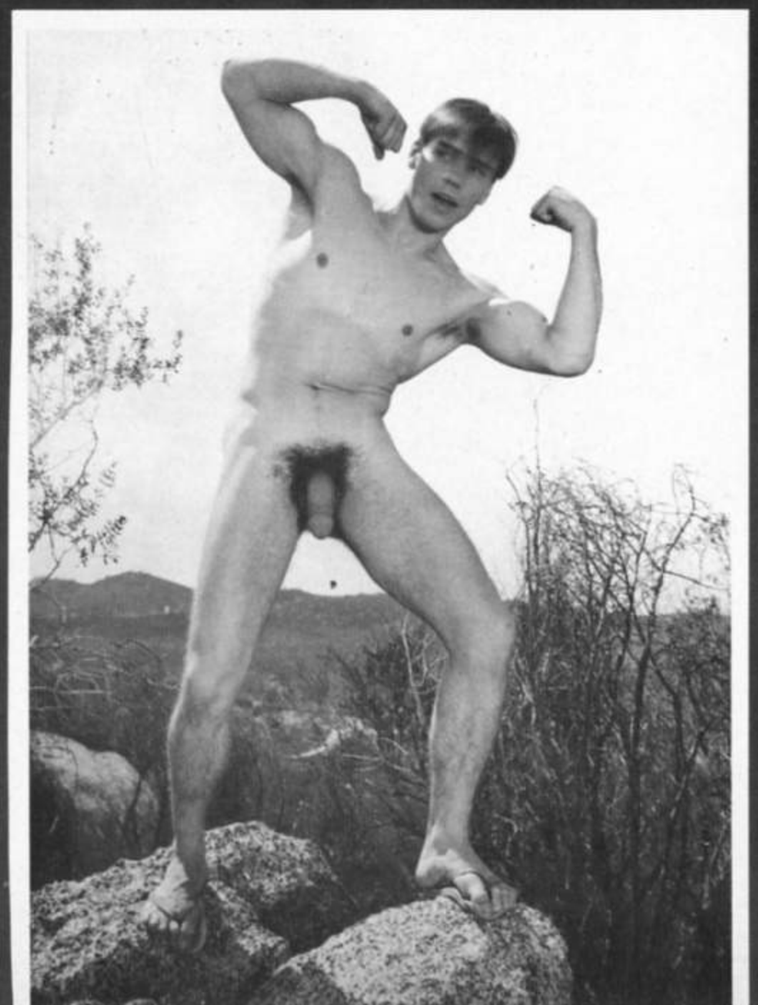
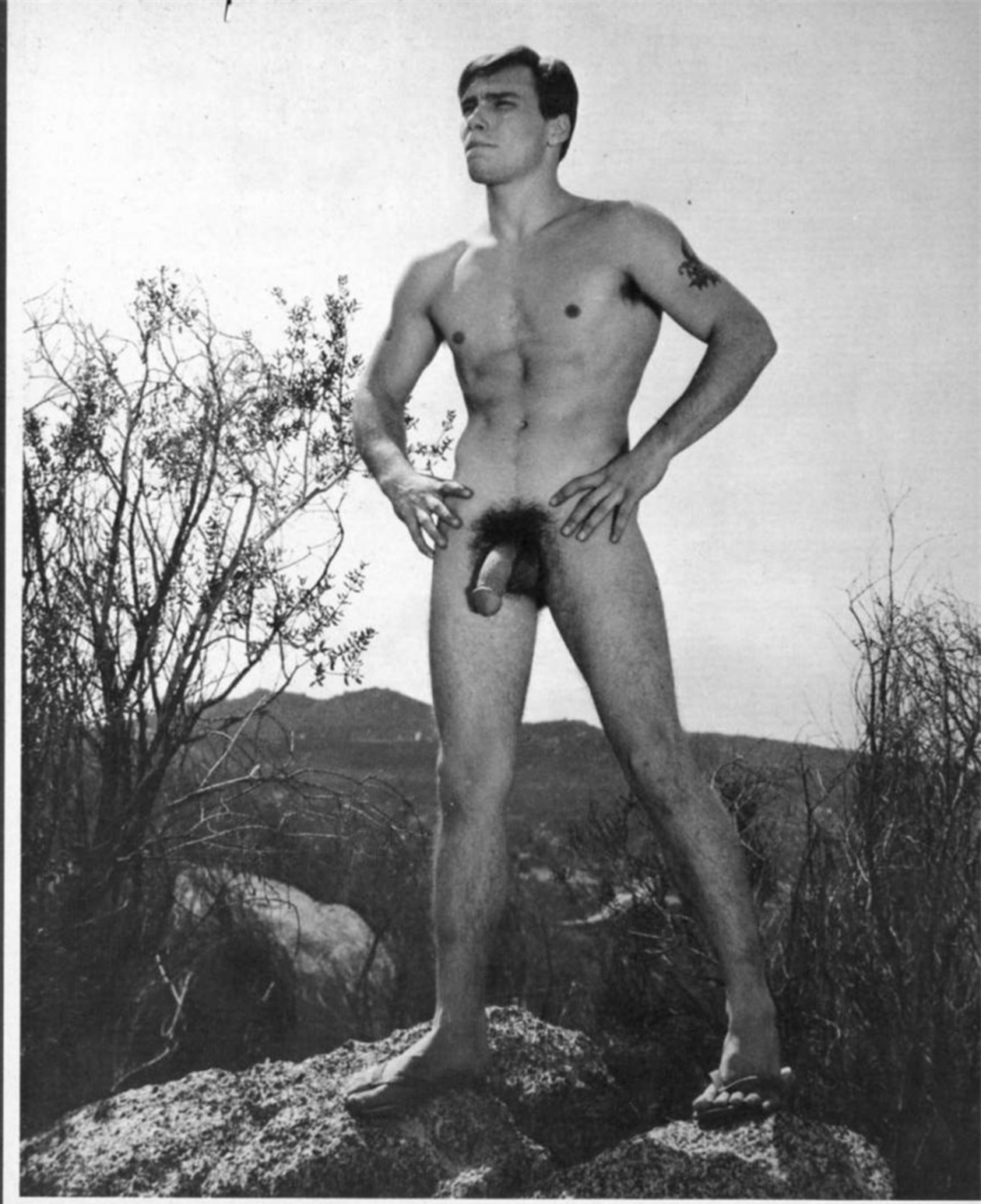


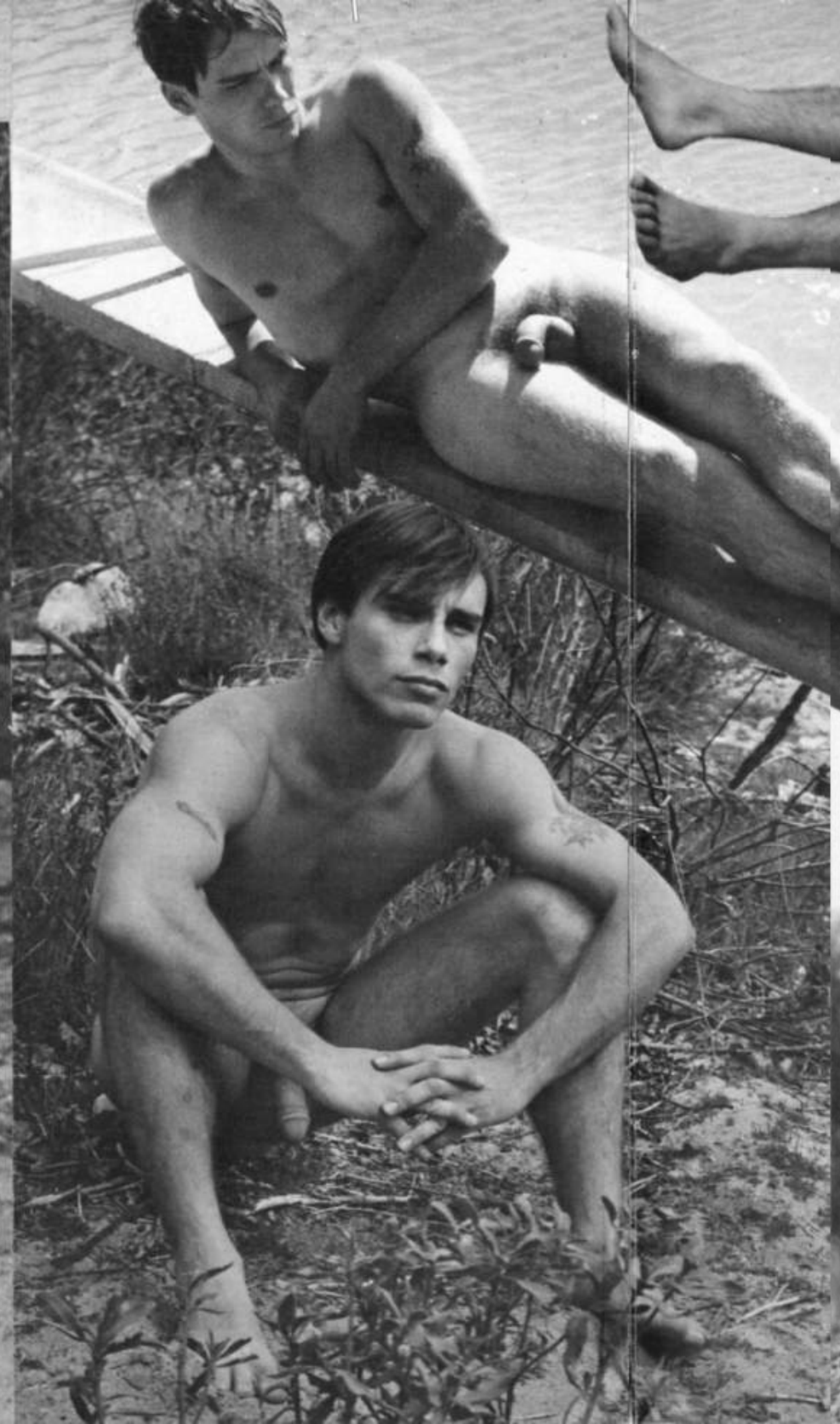
His name is Monte Dean Hansen and he may very easily have the distinction of being the male nudist with the largest amount of fan mail in the world. Monte has appeared in such well-known publications as MR. SUN, NINE MALE NUDISTS and also in a number of short motion pictures and, it seems that each time a camera shutter clicks and one of his photos is published, the mail increases even more.

Because of this great national popularity and the increasing demand for more information on Monte, we recently interviewed him to be able to present his full story here.

Born in Indianapolis but brought up in Brooklyn, Monte's always been a rebel of sorts. He never really enjoyed the confines of city living, but was constantly seeking the freedom of open air and sunshine which he found in Southern California when he moved here not too long ago.

A Golden Gloves champ in 1959, Monte has never lost his love for boxing or the strenuous male life. His other interests include archery, fencing and body-building. It was as a result of that latter that he was first discovered. He had always been a nudist of sorts, but a loner, preferring to wander out on his own to the wild and rugged country surrounding Los Angeles. But, during the rainy season, Monte doesn't give up. He spends a great deal of time in a gym working out and keeping in trim. That's where he was first spotted by one of our photographers.





Since Monte's first pictures appeared in NINE MALE NUDISTS, the demand for more has been sensational and Monte's own interest in the male nudist movement has increased. Now he is no longer a loner. He enjoys the camaraderie he finds with other young men who also enjoy the uninhibited male life.

Standing 5'8" and weighing in at a trim 160 pounds, Monte doesn't confine his interests to rugged sports alone. He's an excellent pool player, loves cards and, has one of the most gratifying hobbies known — cooking. Although professionally he is a printer, he has several times been asked to take important job as a chef, but prefers to keep his culinary creations strictly on an amateur basis.

Monte makes his home in Los Angeles in a small house which he has completely decorated and in which he enjoys entertaining his many friends. He's already bought a barbecue for the small backyard and delights in concocting strange and delicious dishes over the charcoal fire.

But when the sun shines and he's not working, you don't find Monte at home. Chances are, he and his friends have left town in search of a less trammeled environment either in the mountains or at the sea where they can rid themselves of the confines of city clothes and step free and healthy into the warm, sun-drenched air.

We asked Monte what he thought of the growing male nudist movement and his reactions were enthusiastic. "Frankly," he told us, "it's the greatest thing that ever happened to me. Sure, I still enjoy going out on my own from time to time, but it's great to know there are other men around who share your views and values. I really believe that one day, especially in places like this and Florida, people are going to drop clothes entirely. Once you taste the freedom of the outdoors as a nudist, it's hard to go back to the old ways."

At home, Monte practices this philosophy of freedom and usually does most of his chores there completely naked. When we arrived for the interview, he had just finished the last of his housework (the place is warm, comfortable, meticulously clean and neat) and was getting some lobsters he had caught the day before, ready for his evening meal. As we might have expected, he was in the nude and obviously content with his freedom.

We talked about his boxing and his enjoyment of archery then the conversation turned to his beliefs and philosophy of life. "I suppose you could call me a rebel," he said, "but I'm not really fighting against anything. I like the idea of freedom, and the whole concept behind the male nudist movement, but I'm not trying to force the idea down anyone's throat and I'm certainly not saying that everyone has to be like I am. Maybe that's the whole thing in a nutshell — freedom. I believe in freedom of thought and purpose and for me, anyway, the male nudist movement has given that and more."

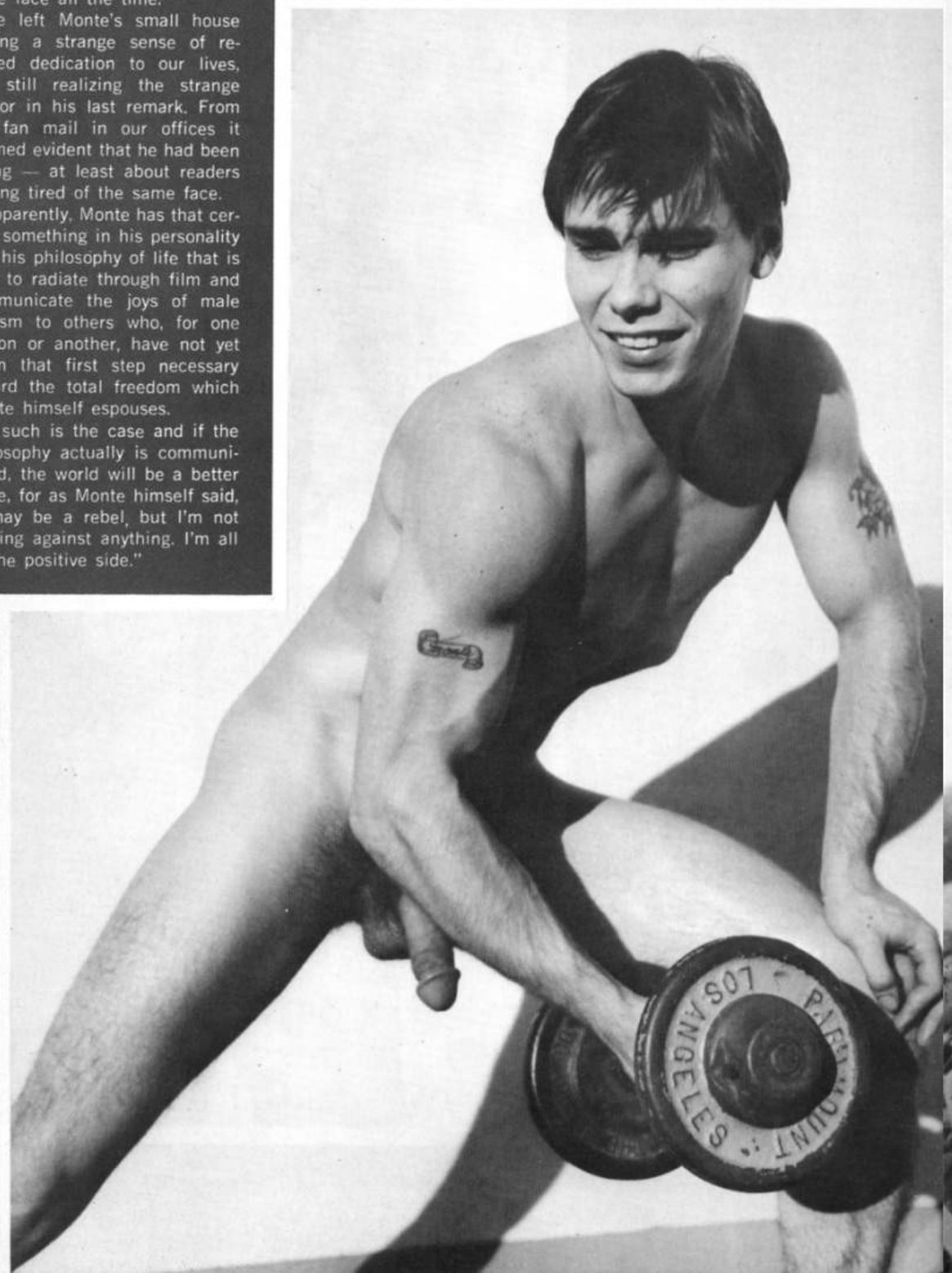
A serious young man of twenty-five, Monte has ambitions of setting up his own print shop one day and is considering possible publication of his own nudist books and magazines in order to propagate the philosophy in which he believes.

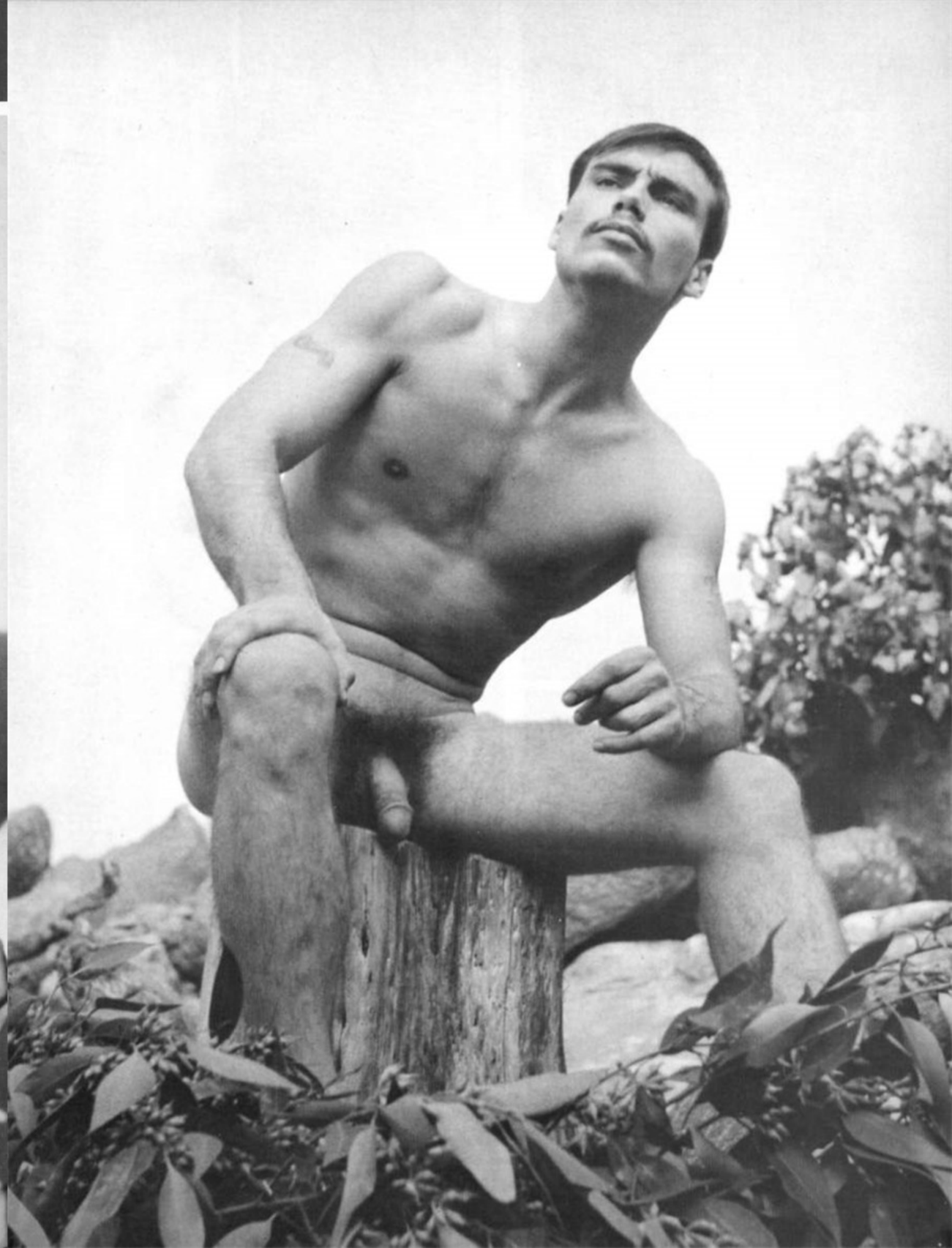
"I wouldn't have too many pictures of myself, though. I think people get tired of seeing the same face all the time."

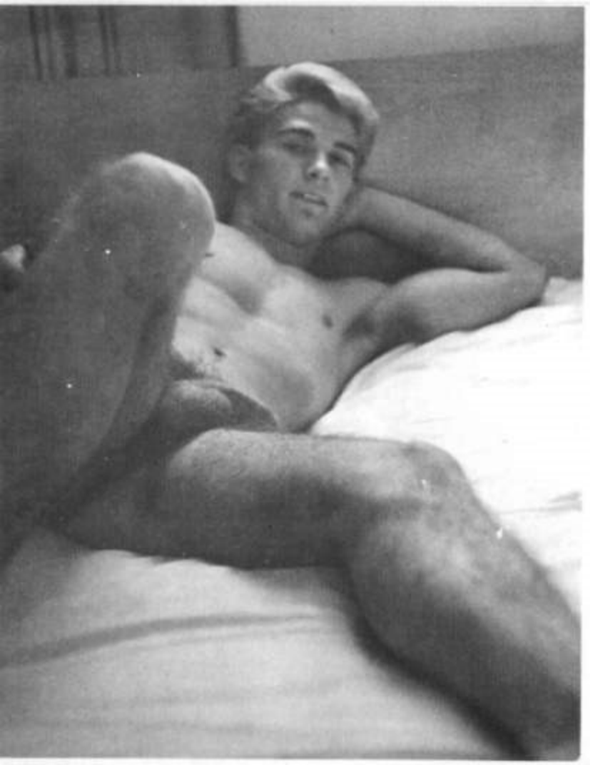
We left Monte's small house feeling a strange sense of renewed dedication to our lives, but still realizing the strange humor in his last remark. From the fan mail in our offices it seemed evident that he had been wrong — at least about readers getting tired of the same face.

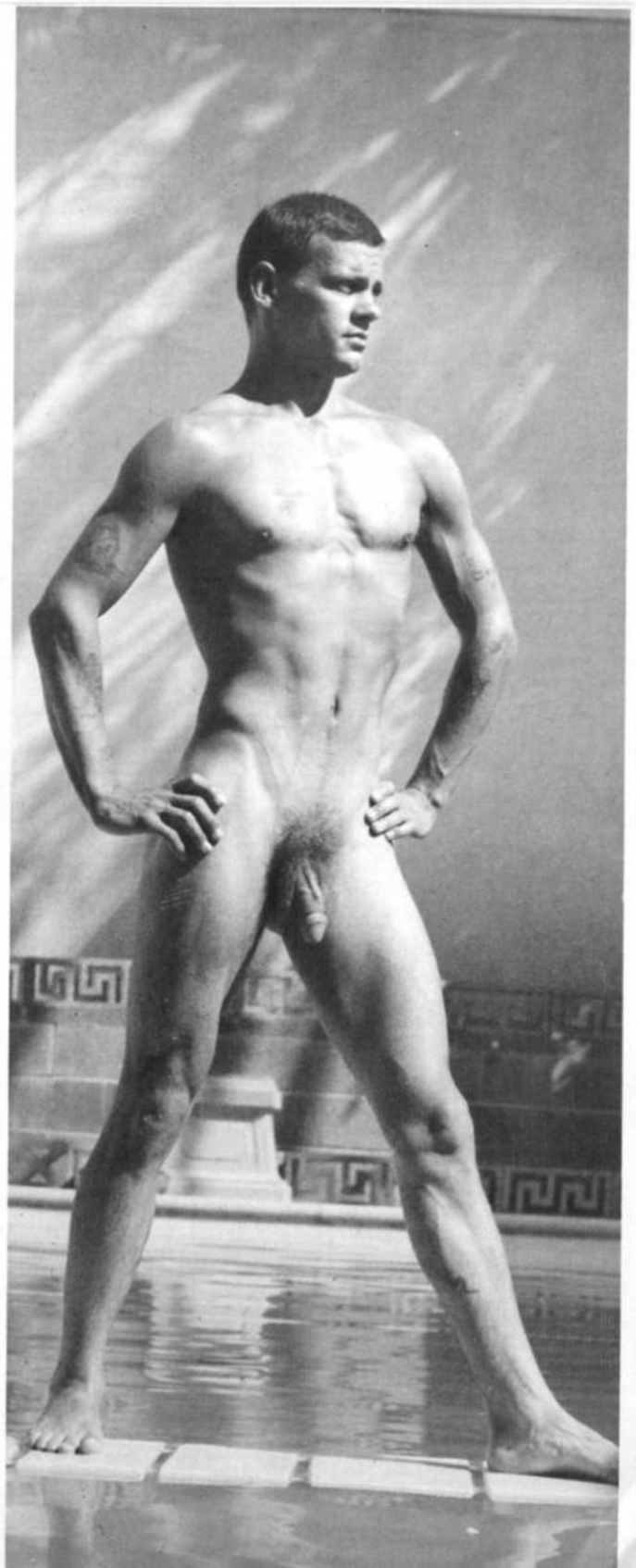
Apparently, Monte has that certain something in his personality and his philosophy of life that is able to radiate through film and communicate the joys of male nudism to others who, for one reason or another, have not yet taken that first step necessary toward the total freedom which Monte himself espouses.

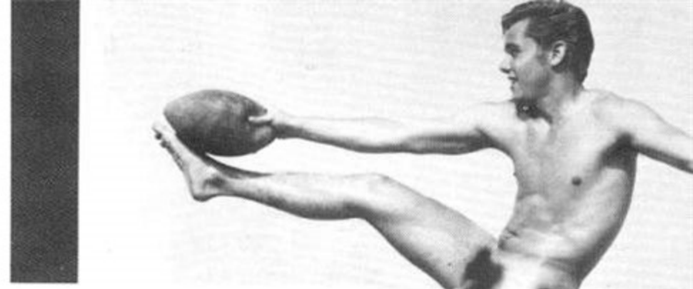
If such is the case and if the philosophy actually is communicated, the world will be a better place, for as Monte himself said, "I may be a rebel, but I'm not fighting against anything. I'm all on the positive side."

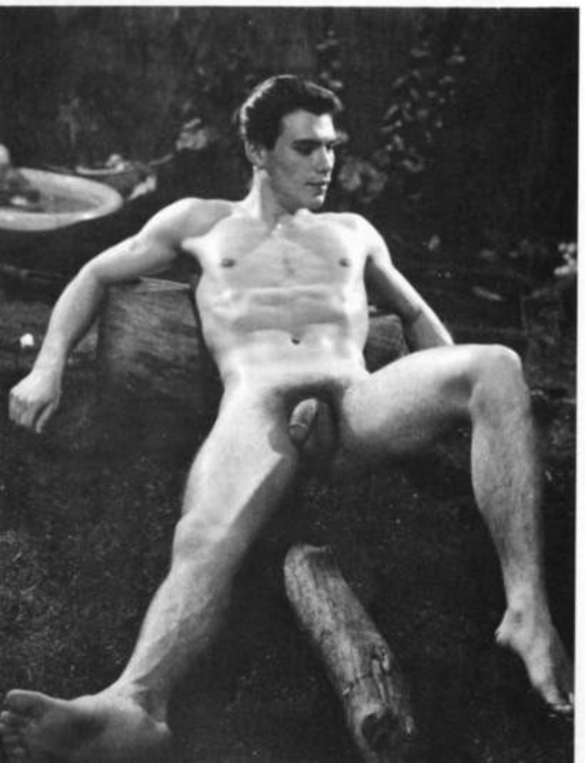


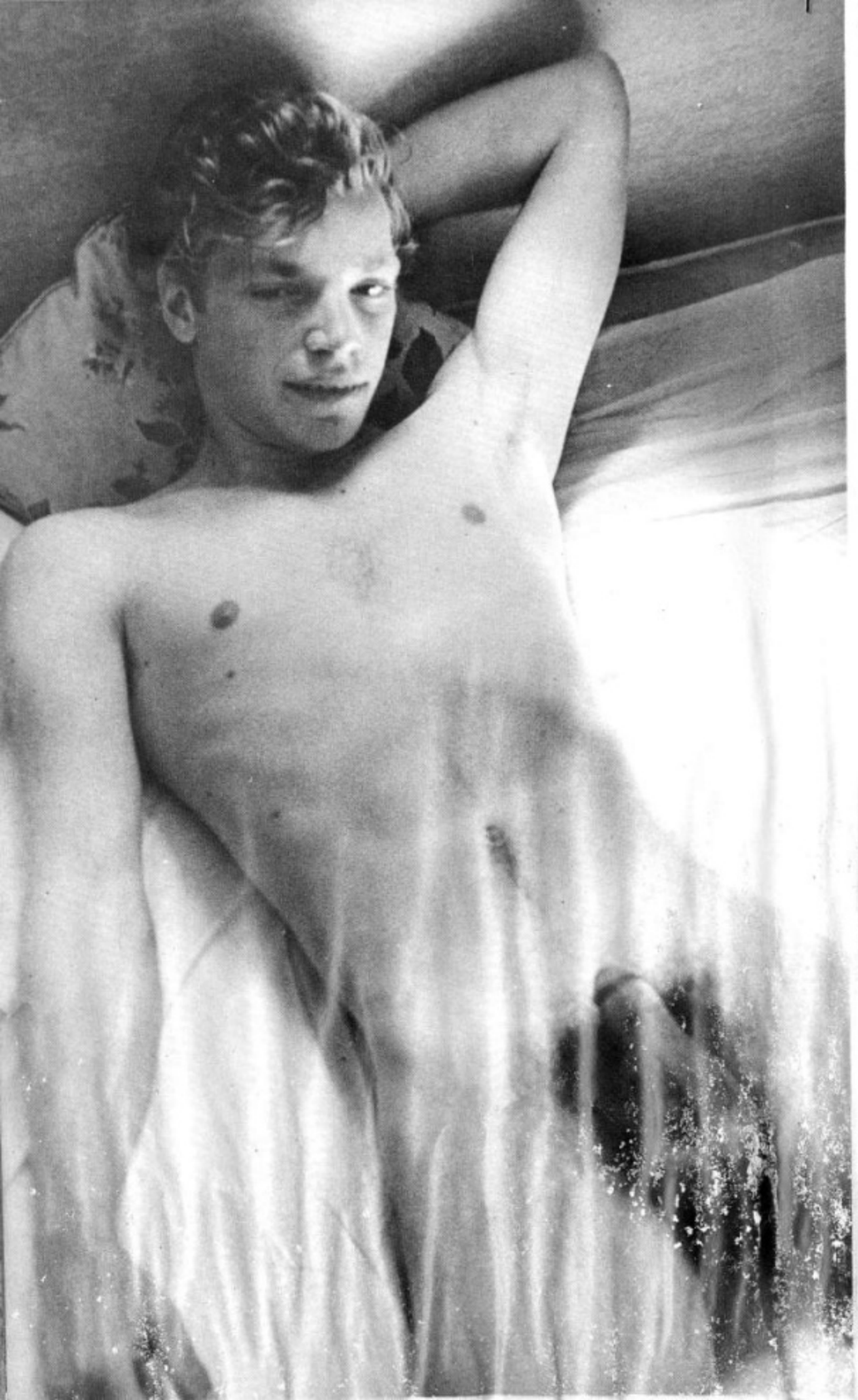


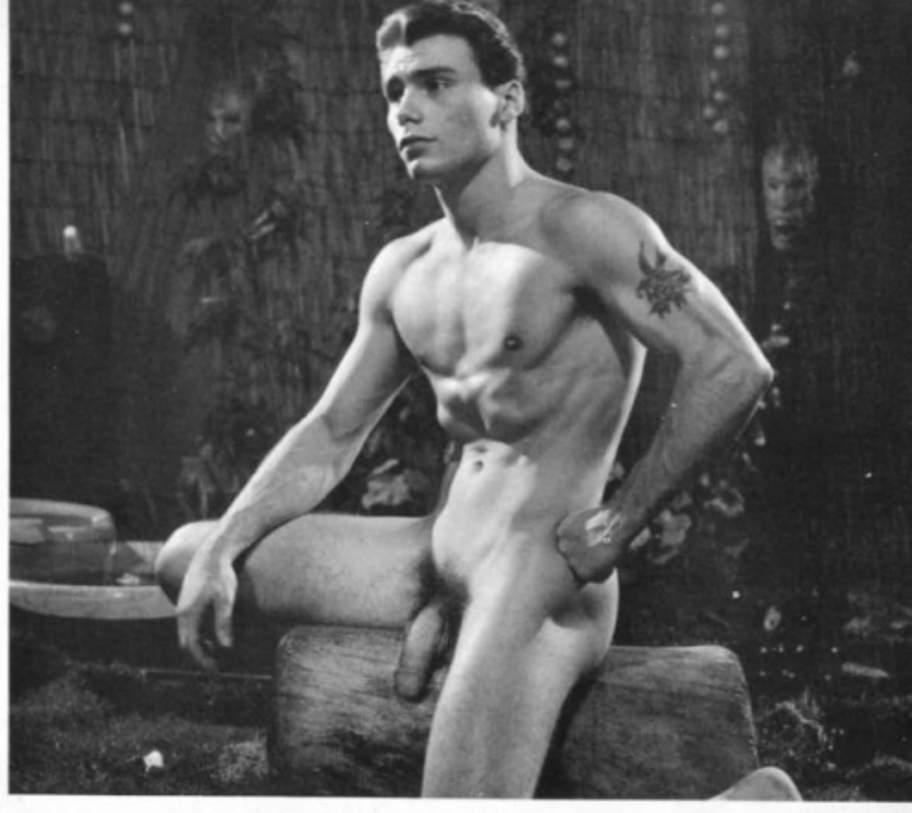


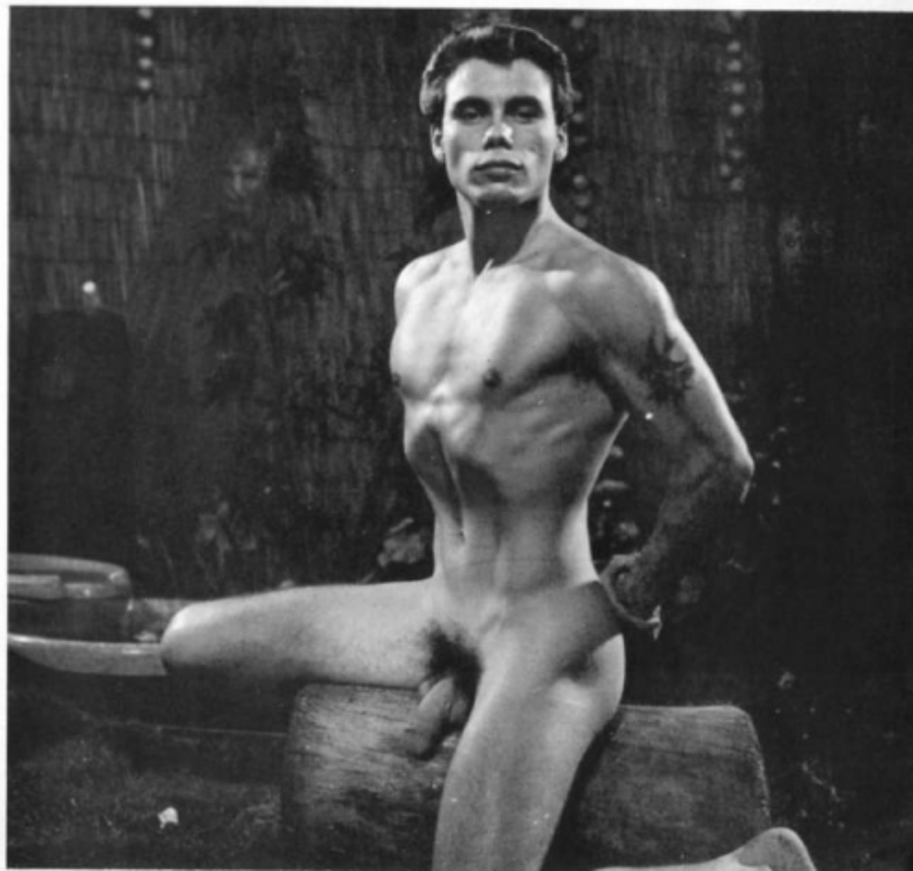












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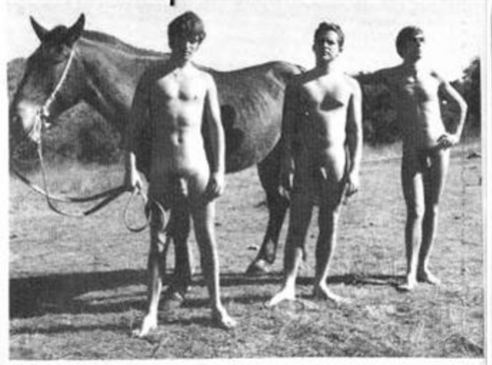

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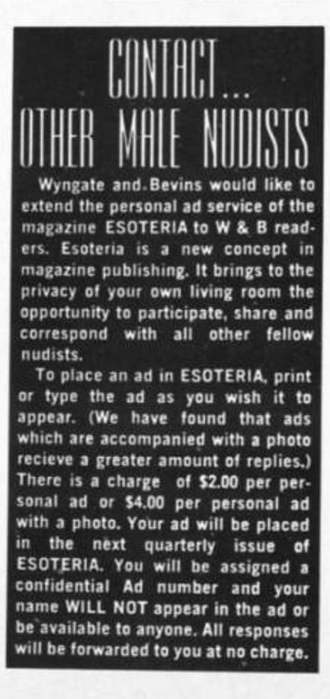

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